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CHANGE IN CLAIM OF SMALL ENTITY

STATUS

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Sir:

Applicant no longer claims the benefit of small entity status for the aboveidentified patent application.

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